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SUBJ : ALUMINUM EXTRUSION PLANT FOR BAHRAIN

1. GOB HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO GO AHEAD WITH LONG-AWAITED ALUMINUM EXTRUSION PLANT. THE PLANT, WHICH WILL PRESS INGOTS PRODUCED BY THE ALUMINUM BAHRAIN (ALBA) SMELTER, WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF ONLY 2,700 TONS PER YEAR, BUT IS LIKELY TO BE INCREASED IF ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE. GOB LIKELY TO BE MAJOR SHAREHOLDER; CONSULTANTS ARE ALUSUISSE.

2. MINISTRY OF FINANCE OFFICIAL WHO SITS ON ALBA BOARD AS GOB REPRESENTATIVE TELLS US THAT OF FIVE CONTRACTORS RECOMMENDED BY CONSULTANTS, THREE ARE AMERICAN; HOWEVER, HE WAS UNABLE PROVIDE NAMES. HE NOTED THAT TENDERS WILL BE SENT OUT DIRECTLY FROM ALUSUISSE (ZURICH) NEXT WEEK.

3. COMMENT: WE CONSIDER THIS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. CONTRACTORS/MANUFACTURERS TO GET IN ON GROUND FLOOR. GOB HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO GO AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR SOPHISTICATED SMALLER INDUSTRIES BASED ON EXTRUSIONS, E.G., ALUMINUM WIRE AND PIPE.

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